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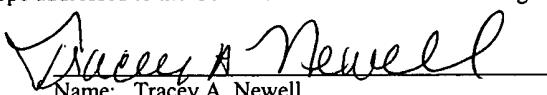
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56. Copies of the documents are also being submitted.

Since this Information Disclosure is being filed after receipt of the first Office Action, the fee of \$180.00 is enclosed. Also, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98, Applicants note that the reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is discussed in the present application.

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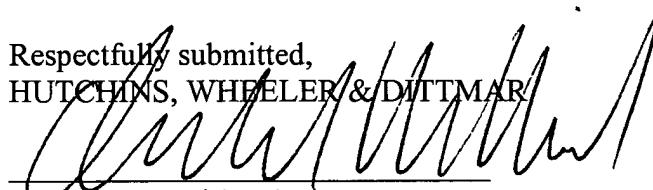
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these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 501136**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 951-6676.

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